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SUBJECT: DEMIREL COMMENTS ON TURKISH-ARAB RELATIONS

1. TURKISH "ANATOLIAN NEWS AGENCY" ARTICLE, DATELINED BEIRUT AND PUBLISHED IN BARIS MAY 2, CARRIED EXCERPTS FROM BEIRUT MAGAZINE "AL HAWADITH" ON TURKISH-ARAB RELATIONS. TURKISH PRIMIN SULEYMAN DEMIREL REPORTEDLY TOLD "AL HAWADITH" THAT NATO BASES IN TURKEY WOULD NOT RPT NOT BE USED "FOR THE INVASION OF THE ARAB WORLD."

2. ASKED ABOUT THE POSSIBILITY OF A PLO "POLITICAL BUREAU" OPENING IN ANKARA, DEMIREL WAS QUOTED AS SAYING THAT "VARIOUS CONTACTS" HAD BEEN MADE WITH THE PLO THROUGH TURKISH EMBASSIES AND THAT PLO POLITICAL LEADER FARUK KADDUMI HAD ACCEPTED AN INVITATION TO VISIT TURKEY FOLLOWING THE EXCHANGE OF "A NUMBER OF LETTERS" EARLY THIS YEAR.

DEMIREL SAID KADDUMI HAD NOT RPT NOT YET MADE THE VISIT "FOR PERSONAL REASONS, I BELIEVE". "AL HAWADITH" HOWEVER, CITED

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ANKARA DIPLOMATIC SOURCES AS BLAMING THE DELAY ON TURKISH

DISSATISFACTION OVER THE PLO'S PRO-MAKARIOS STANCE ON CYPRUS.
BUT KADDUMI, IN SAME BEIRUT MAGAZINE, INSISTED THAT TURKEY WAS WELL
AWARE OF THE PLO'S CYPRUS POLICY, "WHICH CANNOT BE CHANGED IN ANY
WAY", AND ASSERTED THERE WAS NO RPT NO "COOLNESS" IN GOT-PLO
RELATIONS AS A RESULT. HE PROMISED TO MAKE THE VISIT " AS SOON AS
POLITICAL CONDITIONS PERMIT."
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